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## Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Arizona, May 2025 (expected)

B.A. in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, The Ohio State University, May 2019

## Areas of Specialization

Feminist & Trans Philosophy; Political Philosophy; Social Metaphysics; Philosophy of Law

## Areas of Competence

Biomedical Ethics; Action Theory; Logic

## Presentations *(Refereed unless indicated otherwise)*

### *Papers*

“On Our Own Terms: Trans Women Crafting the Meaning of ‘Woman’”

USC-UCLA Graduate Conference, University of Southern California, April 2023

“Pregnant Persons as a Gender Category: A Trans Feminist Analysis of Pregnancy Discrimination”

Central APA, Denver, CO, February 2023

“Two Senses in Which Freedom Might (Not) Require Alternative Possibilities”

Workshop on Free Will and Agency, as part of the LATAM Free Will, Agency and Responsibility Project, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, May 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19)

### *Comments*

Joan O’Bryan’s “Uncovering an Idealist Ontology of Patriarchy: Patriarchy as a System of Meaning in Beauvoir, Butler, and MacKinnon,” 3rd Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference, Tucson, AZ, March 2022 (invited)

Anastasiia Grigoreva’s “Nonbinary Russians: The Excluded by Robin Dembroff’s Account of Genderqueer,” 2nd Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference, virtual, May 2021 (invited)

Dee Payton’s “Ameliorative Projects in the Philosophy of Gender,” 1st Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference, Tucson, AZ, February 2020 (invited)

## Selected Honors and Awards

Travel Grant (selective), Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona, February 2023

Co-Recipient, Emil R. Riesen and Austin H. Riesen Prize for the best essay by a graduate student, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, May 2020

William E. Bingham Award for the best undergraduate paper in philosophy, Department of Philosophy, The Ohio State University, April 2017

Media, Marketing & Communication (MMC) Scholars Program, Honors & Scholars Center, The Ohio State University, Autumn 2015–Spring 2019

## Teaching

### *Instructor of Record (In-Person)*

Phil 203: Logic in Law (Spring 2022; Fall 2022)

Phil 321: Medical Ethics (Fall 2021)

Phil 330: Feminist Philosophy (Spring 2023)

### *Instructor of Record (Asynchronous Online)*

Phil 324: Law and Morality (Summer 2020; Summer 2021)

Successful completion of the 5-week UA Office of Digital Learning GTA Online Course Design Boot Camp (Spring 2020)

### *Teaching Assistant*

Phil 150B1: Personal Morality (Spring 2021, Carolina Sartorio)

Phil 150C1: Freedom, Equality, and Authority (Fall 2020, Tom Christiano)

Phil 160D2: Mind, Matter, and God (Fall 2019, Chris Maloney)

### *New Course Development*

Phil 130: Sex, Gender, and Love: An Introduction to Social Philosophy (proposed course for UA's new General Education curriculum, under development)

## Graduate Coursework

### *Value Theory*

The Rationality and Morality of Political Participation (Tom Christiano, Spring 2022, audit)

Iris Marion Young's *Justice and the Politics of Difference* (Tom Christiano, Spring 2022, independent study)

The Law and Philosophy of Contracts (Tom Christiano & Simone Sepe, Spring 2021)  
 Philosophical Foundations of Private Law (Tom Christiano & Simone Sepe, Spring 2020)  
 Model Thinking in Political Philosophy (Jerry Gaus, Fall 2019)  
 Sentimentalism in Ethics (Justin D'Arms, Ohio State, Autumn 2017)

*Metaphysics, Epistemology, Language, and Mind*

Topics in Metaphysics: Ontology, Time, Modality, and Causation (Jason Turner, Spring 2023, audit)  
 Metasemantics (Jason Turner, Fall 2021)  
 Grounding Agency and Responsibility (Carolina Sartorio & Michael McKenna, Fall 2021)  
 Recent Topics in Philosophical Methodology: Experimental Philosophy, Epistemic Diversity, and Conceptual Engineering (Jonathan Weinberg, Fall 2020)  
 Knowledge and Skepticism (Juan Comesaña, Fall 2020)  
 Defeaters in Epistemology (Juan Comesaña, Spring 2020)  
 Moral Phenomenology (Terry Horgan & Mark Timmons, Spring 2020)  
 Theories of Action and Free Will (Carolina Sartorio & Michael McKenna, Fall 2019)

*History*

Kant's Conception of Transcendental Critique (Houston Smit, Spring 2021)  
 Descartes and Leibniz (Houston Smit, Fall 2020)  
 Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Lisa Shabel, Ohio State, Spring 2018)

*Logic*

Logical Consequence (Jason Turner, Fall 2019)  
 Metatheory of Classical and Non-Classical First Order Logics (Neil Tennant, Ohio State, Spring 2017)

**Additional Educational Experience**

*Faculty-Led Reading Groups*

Colin Bird's *Human Dignity and Political Criticism* (Tom Christiano, Fall 2022)  
 Margaret Gilbert's *Rights and Demands: A Foundational Inquiry* (Tom Christiano, Summer 2022)  
 Sophia Moreau's *Faces of Inequality: A Theory of Wrongful Discrimination* (Tom Christiano, Fall 2021)  
 Kristi Olson's *The Solidarity Solution: Principles for a Fair Income Distribution* (Tom Christiano, Spring 2021)  
 The Capabilities Approach (Tom Christiano, Summer 2020)

Carolina Sartorio's *Causation and Free Will* (Carolina Sartorio, Spring 2020)

Relational Egalitarianism (Tom Christiano, Fall 2019)

### *Student-Led Reading Groups*

Julia Serano's *Sexed Up: How Society Sexualizes Us, and How We Can Fight Back* (Fall 2022)

Talia Mae Bettcher (Summer 2022)

Relational Autonomy (Summer 2021)

Miranda Fricker's *Epistemic Injustice: Power and the Ethics of Knowing* (Spring 2021)

Race and Racial Identity (Fall 2020)

Eva Feder Kittay's *Learning from My Daughter: The Value and Care of Disabled Minds* (Summer 2020)

Elizabeth Barnes's *The Minority Body: A Theory of Disability* (Spring 2020)

### *Summer Course*

"Philosophy and Science of Free Will" Short Summer Course (Derk Pereboom & Marcel Brass, Renmin University, July 2017)

### Service

#### *Departmental*

General Education Refresh Committee, Fall 2022–

University of Arizona Ethics Bowl Team, Co-Coach, Fall 2019–Fall 2021; Coach, Fall 2022–

Undergraduate Philosophy Club, Guest Speaker, March 2022

Feminist Philosophy Reading Group, Organizer, Spring 2020–Summer 2021

#### *Professional*

Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference, Co-Organizer, Fall 2019–

#### *Referee*

*Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference

UA Graduate and Professional Student Council (research and project grants)

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